

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY HEADQUARTERS, 19TH ENGINEER BATTALION 175 NORTH TORNADO DIVISION AVE FORT KNOX, KY 40121

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## MEMORANDUM FOR INCOMING PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Welcome to the 19th Engineer Battalion and Fort Knox, Kentucky

- 1. Welcome to Fort Knox! On behalf of CSM Lathan and I, welcome to the 19th Engineer Battalion and the Seahorse Family. I am counting on your motivation, team spirit, technical abilities, and tactical competence to contribute to the battalion's mission as we provide world class engineer support to unified land operations, whether in CONUS or deployed overseas.
- 2. Allow me to share with you some of the valiant achievements of the Battalion. The 19th Engineer Battalion originated as the 3rd Battalion of the 36th Engineer Combat Regiment in 1942. During WWII, the battalion fought campaigns throughout Africa and Europe, participating in five amphibious landings. The unit was designated as the 19th Engineer Combat Battalion in April 1947. During the Vietnam conflict, the 19th fought in several offensives including both Tet Counter-Offensives. More recently, the 19th Engineer Battalion served in Operation Desert Storm in 1991, OIF VI, and OEF VI in 2007, OEF IX in 2009, OEF in 2013, and the most recent deployment in support of OFS in 2015-2016.
- 3. Currently, the 19th Engineer Battalion consists of a Headquarters and Headquarters Company and an organic Forward Support Company. Also assigned to the 19th Engineer Battalion at Fort Knox are the 15th Engineer Construction Company, the 42nd Route Clearance Company, 502nd Multi Role Bridge Company, 541st Sapper Company, along with the 887th Engineer Support Company and the 550th Fire Fighting Team which are both located at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.
- 4. Your arrival to the 19th Engineer Battalion makes you a member of the Seahorse Family and the Fort Knox community. Fort Knox is a great place to live and serve as it is located just outside the city of Radcliff and in close proximity to the cities of Elizabethtown and Louisville. Fort Knox is also home to the Human Resource Center of Excellence, the US Army Recruiting Command, the US Army Cadet Command, and many other tenant units. The United States Bullion Depository is just outside the Main Gate. Fort Knox also features a Post Exchange, Commissary, first-rate housing, excellent schools and many other amenities commonly associated with military life. Please visit <a href="http://www.knox.army.mil">http://www.knox.army.mil</a> for more information.
- 5. You are presented with a unique opportunity by your assignment to the 19th Engineer Battalion to be on the cutting edge of military engineering, to learn and grow in

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the professional of arms, and enjoy the great things the 19th Engineer Battalion and Fort Knox have to offer you and your family. I encourage you to visit the 19th Engineer Battalion's Facebook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/19th-Engineer-Battalion/271171122169">https://www.facebook.com/pages/19th-Engineer-Battalion/271171122169</a>, or follow us on Twitter to ask questions and see the great things happening in the Seahorse Battalion.

6. We look forward to your arrival. Bridle and Reins! Stand Tall!

BRAD A. MORGAN

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